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### Christmas

"And on earth peace, good will to-ward all men." These words have grown familiar, but never wearisome. They fall like a soft mantle over the rough landscape of humanity, toning down its sharp outlines and harmonizing its tints. Whatever of grace and beauty the character of man has gained in its onward progress comes from the spirit here conveyed. It is the dispensation opposed to antagonism. It begs a truce for strife, and pleads that love shall rule instead of fear and mischance. The old religions were full of battle and turmoil. The highest god appeared to be the God of War. Peace and industry were ignoble, and fighting and plunder glorious. Such was the preponderating character of paganism, and it is projected in a diminishing form upon society down to our day. The essential feature of Christianity is that love which comprehends forbearance, humility, charity and forgiveness; the essential feature of paganism is almost the opposite of this. There is certainly a great deal of paganism in the world today, and much of it under the mask of Christianity. It is paganism that was prosecuted for religion's sake through all time; it is paganism that sustains the strife of creeds; it is paganism that substitutes the form and ceremonial for the spirit. The modern church that can call itself more Christian than pagan is not a numerous one. The true heaven of Christianity works slowly, though surely. There is a greater universality of true Christian spirit to-day than there ever was before, and it is the hope of humanity that there will be more in the future than there is now. The principle that is to dispel paganism has been caught and is being gradually comprehended. The secret of civilization is sung in the Hymn of Nativity:

No war or battle sound  
 Was heard the world around  
 In that hour, and none will be heard  
 Where the heaven shall have done its perfect work. It is the fault of the churches that they have hidden, more or less, the simple teaching of Christ in the paganism which society has been unable to divest itself of. They have smothered it in a mass of creeds, doctrines, forms and ceremonies, and do not it practically in endless sectarian strife, until the substance, at times, has seemed in danger of being entirely forgotten. But it possesses the inherent strength of truth which "crushed to earth will rise again." This is the secular as well as religious fete-day of the principle of love and its great apostle, who, notwithstanding the false lights in which the sects have insisted on presenting him to the world, shines forth in his purity to the receptive and intelligent mind undimmed.  
 The old civilizations were not altogether without the leaven of the Christian spirit. They had their prophets, who recognized its power and practiced it, but it never became so diffused among men as it has since the beginning of the Christian era. Buddha said: "Let a man overcome anger by love." And, again: "My law is a law of mercy for all. Proclaim it fully to all men, rich and poor alike." Among the institutes of men appears the command: "Let not injustice be done in deed or thought, nor a word uttered that shall cause a fellow creature pain." From the Sanhedrin came the law: "Suffer thyself to be cursed, but do thou not curse others." Said Confucius: "What ye do not wish done to yourselves, do not do to others." And, again: "A man should overflow in love to all." Then there is the Jewish law: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." And centuries after them all, the law of love is repeated and emphasized and made the substance of Christianity by its founder, whose birth is this day celebrated throughout the entire civilized world. It must be a great truth that the wisest of men in all ages have recognized and insisted on. It is symbolized by Christmas Day, and is unconsciously paid tribute to more than it is consciously.  
 Christmas carries with it the elements of its own immortality, its own consecration. It is not, and never can be, "of the earth earthly." It is a link between the human and the divine, an expression of human need and of divine love. It is, in and of itself, a religion; for in and of itself it conveys those essential ideas which give vitality and force to all religion. It emphasizes and idealizes that faith, hope and charity which lift the soul into the image of its Maker. It embodies that earnest yet unspoken prayer and praise which are the sum of true worship. It kindles, even in the dustiest bosom, some sparks of that heavenly flame which no human altar can monopolize, and which comes down from the fountain and Father of Light, "in whom we live and move and have our being." It brings to each and all its own benediction, which no sin or suffering can alienate, no orthodoxy increase, no heterodoxy diminish. Christmas is "the bridal of the earth and sky," and who shall dare to forbid the bands?

### Collateral Inheritance Tax.

The Ed. A. Brown estate will pay to the State University a collateral inheritance tax nearly \$2100, and will be the second largest sum ever assessed against an estate in this county since the law became operative, the largest being that of James Scott, which amounted to \$2,898.82. The third largest was that of A. B. Welton, and amounted to \$1,342.17. Only those estates which are left to persons not collateral heirs must pay to the state a tax of five per cent. This tax goes to the State University, all departments of the school sharing in the fund, and the total of this tax paid into the treasury for the benefit of the state University for the year 1904 amounted to \$122,030, and the total amount by Holt county for the same year was \$2,442, and the total amount paid by Holt county estates since the passage of the law amounts to \$6,081. The collection of this tax is looked after by the prosecuting attorneys of each county, and the same is paid to the county collector, who forwards the same to the state treasurer and is paid over to the state university on warrants drawn on him by the state auditor.  
 The conditions of the law are as follows: All property passing to any person by will or inheritance is liable to a five per cent tax on its clear market value as shall be ascertained by the probate courts. All property passing to father, mother, husband, wife, legally adopted children, or direct lineal descendants of the testator or donor of ancestor is exempted from the effects of this law. Therefore it is styled the collateral inheritance tax, because only such money or property descends to collateral kindred, or those of no kin is liable. Thus property descending to brothers, sisters, cousins, uncles, aunts, or other persons not related by blood is liable. Likewise where a will is made in which part of the property goes to children, grandchildren and other exempted persons, and part goes to brothers, sisters, or other relatives or persons not of kin, such parts of such estates are liable to tax.  
 Last week the matter of assessing the collateral inheritance tax against the legatee under the will of the late Ed. A. Brown, who died October 23, 1905, came up for hearing in the probate court, and after two days of labor, Probate Judge Alkire made an order levying the tax. The total tax of five per cent, levied against each of the legatees was as follows, and he issued the usual statutory notice to the legatees at once.

Distributors.	Address.	Value of Amount	Interest.	of Tax.
F. A. Butler, New Canaan, Connecticut.		\$2,000.00	\$	100.00
Clara S. Butler, Brooklyn, New York.		500.00		25.00
Mary A. Black, Providence, Rhode Island.		1,000.00		50.00
Leroy E. Stetson, Providence, Rhode Island.		2,000.00		100.00
Oscar D. Brown, Salt Lake, City, Utah.		2,000.00		100.00
Lacy Ellen Brown, Chicago, Ill.		1,000.00		50.00
Robert A. Brown, Chicago, Ill.		1,000.00		50.00
Mrs. Minerva Smith, Bigelow, Mo.		1,000.00		50.00
Lydia E. Tarplin, Bigelow, Mo.		500.00		25.00
Henry A. Borchers, Bigelow, Mo.		500.00		25.00
William Stockwell, Bigelow, Mo.		2,000.00		100.00
Martin Graham, Bigelow, Mo.		2,000.00		100.00
Lot Brown, Chicago, Ill.		12,985.26		649.26
E. A. Brown, Nebraska City, Nebraska.		12,985.26		649.26
Totals.		\$41,440.52		\$2,072.02

Judge Alkire also issued notice to the legatees of the amount of collateral inheritance tax levied against them under the will of the late Thomas B. Moore, who was killed near Amazonia, March 4, 1905, by being run down by a freight train, while crossing a bridge:  
 M. B. Moore, Kansas City, Mo. \$12 44 \$ 52 62  
 C. J. Moore, Portland, Oregon \$12 44 \$ 52 62  
 Amanda Gillis, Mound City, Mo. \$12 44 \$ 52 62  
 Biri Jones, Pierre, So. Dak. \$12 44 \$ 52 62  
 Clara Ross, Monaca, Cal. \$12 44 \$ 52 62  
 Ralph Spencer, Guthrie, Okla. \$17 81 \$ 8 94  
 Emma Walters, Mound City, Mo. \$17 81 \$ 8 94  
 O. M. Kelley, Atwood, Kas. \$17 81 \$ 8 94  
 Totals. \$3,074 63 \$153 72

The total collateral tax levied against beneficiaries in various estates in the county since the passage of the act has been as follows:  
 H. W. Haken, died Oct. 6, 1899. \$ 623 64  
 Garvey Handley, died May 9, 1902. 40 00  
 Thos. B. Bragg, died Dec. 26, 1901. 419 10  
 Rebecca L. Blair, died Aug. 11, 1901. 405 56  
 Nathan Wamsley, died Sept. 20, 1899. 306 80  
 A. B. Welton, died May, 1905. 1,342 17  
 L. W. Webster, died Dec. 31, 1899. 15 00  
 Sarah Porter, died Oct. 15, 1902. 120 00  
 Henry Shultz, died Dec. 9, 1902. 2,898 82  
 James Scott, died March 1, 1901. 40 00  
 Mattie Shultz, died Nov. 11, 1901. 65 32  
 Ann Evans, died May 1, 1901. 48 78  
 J. H. Evans, died March 16, 1900. 130 00  
 Presley Gibson, died Dec. 3, 1904. 153 72  
 Thos. B. Moore, died March 4, 1905. 649 26  
 Edward A. Brown, died Oct. 23, 1905. 2,072 02

—Mrs. Daisy Blevins, of St. Anthony, Idaho, and Mrs. Carrie Atkinson, of Arkansas, are here for the holidays, the guests of their parents, John G. Cowan and wife. Mrs. B's husband Dr. Blevins accompanied her, but stopped off in Nebraska to look after some business interests, after which he will join his wife in this city. Mrs. Blevins reports the temperature 17 below zero when she left Idaho, with an average temperature of ten degrees below for some time.  
 —Mal Mathews, of St. Joseph, visited home folks last Sunday.

### Russia in Collapse.

The Russian Empire today appears to be in a state of collapse. Throughout the whole vast realm, from the Baltic Sea to the Sea of Okhotsk, from the Enxine to the Arctic, the political machine has broken down and the social and industrial fabric has fallen or is falling into ruin. Not for more than a century has the world seen so appalling a spectacle, not since the "Cimmerian World wreckage" of the French Revolution. There may be those who will apply that graphic phrase to the darkness and ruin which now prevails in Russia, seeing that the land of the Cimmerians was in that empire; and indeed it seems as fitting for such application as for the case of France, since if Russia has not proportionately the culture which France then had to be destroyed, it has a vastly larger population to be involved, it has already developed savage passions not surpassed in the Reign of Terror, and its government seems to be as close to the verge of failure as was that of Louis at the death of Mirabeau.  
 It is in view of the prospect of reaction, repression and repeal of the reform manifesto that Count Wittie is contemplating retirement. But what would be the adoption of such a policy mean? It would be an attempt to cure evils by reviving the system which had produced them. There are hints of the summoning of an army of 400,000 Cossacks to suppress the revolution with sabre, lance and knout. No doubt such a force is available, and would be for a time effective. But that would be civil war; and what a spectacle would be that of a sovereign bringing home his armies, which had just been beaten in a foreign war, to turn them against his own subjects. It is possible that such a course will be—will have to be—adopted.  
 After a Plum.  
 A. J. Harlan, of Savannah, was at the National Capital last week, accompanied by his daughter, who wants to be re-appointed postmaster of Savannah. He is now 91 years of age, and a man of most extraordinary activity. He is the only survivor of the 33rd congress, in which body he represented an Indiana district as a Democrat. He has been a resident of Missouri for years and was the candidate for lieutenant governor on the McClurg ticket in 1870, which B. Gratz Brown defeated. In 1888 he was speaker of the house of representatives, but resigned the office. Three years ago Mr. Harlan made the same journey on the same mission, and after a pleasant interview with the President, he came home with the postmaster's commission in his inside coat pocket for his daughter, while the Savannah politicians were quarreling over who should be appointed. Congressman Cochran, it seems, gave his influence to Mr. Harlan, at the time, and it matters little now whether Cochran's influence counted, the appointment was made. It is different now, as the Fourth district has a Republican in congress, and the appointment will likely be referred to him when the time comes. He is the father-in-law of Judge Henry S. Kelley, of St. Joseph.  
 —Tom Derr and wife, were entertained at the home of Bert Pierce and family, last Saturday and Sunday.  
 —Bert Dreher was visiting at the home of John Goodhart and family, near Maitland, Tuesday of this week.  
 —Mrs. Bert Pierce and little son Earl, were visiting Monday and Tuesday of this week, at the home of Mrs. Ora Jimison, south of town.  
 —John Nicol, of Knox county, Mo., is visiting at the home of Mrs. Alice Maple, and also at the home of his brother, C. A. and family, of Helwig.  
 —Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mathews, have removed to St. Joseph, where they will make their future home. They will join their son Malcom, who has a position there.  
 —Oakley Morris will take his pa and ma to Omaha, Saturday, where they will spend the holiday season with her sister, Mrs. Neva Nicholson and her dear old mother, Mrs. Muxlow.  
 —Will Smallwood, and brother-in-law, Robert Shephard, St. Lawrence, South Dakota, who have been visiting in Douglas county, Mo., the past two weeks, have returned to Oregon, and after a few days visit with relatives here, the latter will return to his home in South Dakota.  
 —A delegation of representative citizens and officers of the Squaw Creek Drainage District, went to St. Joseph Monday, of this week and held a conference with the officers of the railroad company, looking to making an opening through their track for the passage of the dredge boat through their bridge at Wing Lake. The companies will put in dams first, which will necessitate some delay. The conference was very satisfactory, and in a few weeks the big dredge dipper will again be scooping out the earth and on its way to the river.

### The Tie That Binds.

WEHRLI-MCDONALD.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. McDonald, Oregon, Mo., Wednesday, Dec. 20th, 1905, at high-noon, when their daughter, Miss Jennie L. McDonald, was united in marriage to Judge Jacob Wehrli, of Mound City, Mo., Rev. Jas. McFarland the pastor of the Presbyterian church spoke the words that made them one. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The bride wore an elegant gown and carried a bouquet of roses. There were a number of very handsome presents received. Judge Jacob Wehrli is one of the best known men in the county, a man loved and respected by all. Miss McDonald, who has become his wife, is a charming young woman and has been a great favorite in Oregon. There were a large number of friends present, as follows: Messrs. Father and Ed. and John Wehrli and the Misses Mollie, Iva and Pearl Wehrli, of Mound City; Jonas Wehrli and Mrs. A. O. Markt, of Maitland; Mrs. Mary Ruhl, of Rosendale; Miss Carrie Amos, of St. Joseph; Misses Beesie Coffin and Mildred Acton, of New Point; Mrs. E. L. McDonald and family, of St. Joseph; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Cummins, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McFarland, Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. McDonald and daughter; Misses Mayme Greene, Aggie and Abbie Kreek. A splendid dinner was spread for the guests and all had a good time. Judge Wehrli and his bride left on the 5:10 p. m. train. They will be at home to their friends after Christmas in Mound City.

### WEIGEL-KRAMER

There were a large number of invited friends gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kramer, near Richville, Mo., on Wednesday, Dec. 20th, 1905, to witness the marriage of their daughter, Miss Anna S. Kramer, to Mr. Ulysses G. Weigel, son of Mr. Gus Weigel. The young people are well known in the county. The home was decorated for the occasion and there were abundance of flowers. The bride wore a handsome gown of Jacquard silk and the bride's maid, Miss L. E. Hornecker, wore a Persian lawn dress. They were married under an arch of flowers. Rev. James McFarland officiated. There were a large number of useful and handsome presents received. A fine dinner was provided for all the guests. Those present were: Gus Weigel, the groom's father, Fred Hoffman and family, Joe Neeloch and family, John Oppenlander and family, Jacob Kramer and wife, Charley Hilsenbeck and wife, Ludwig Weigel and family, Arthur Hibbard and family, Ed. Kramer and wife, Edgar Weigel and family, Misses Carrie and Minnie Hoffman, Iva and Rita McIntyre, Hazel Hoffman, Lena Hornecker, Ed Hornecker, wife and family, Ernest Oppenlander and family, Mrs. Gail and family, Mrs. Sophia Kramer, Messrs. David Hoffmann and Ernest Bahl. After a trip through Kansas and Nebraska, Mr. Weigel and his bride will return and make their home on the Weigel farm, near Richville, Mo. Mr. Weigel is an enterprising young farmer. They will be at home to their friends after the New Year.

### Forty-Fifth Anniversary.

Matthew Gelvin and Mary E. Tritt, were united in marriage in the state of Pennsylvania, 45 years ago on Wednesday of this week, Dec. 20th, and his children planned a most delightful surprise for them. They planned to meet at the Woodville church at 10 a. m. and with an abundant supply of good things to eat, they proceeded in a body to the dear old home, in which they had romped and played; where mother had soothed their fevered brow and had watched by their bedside through the long vigils of the night. Once again they had all gathered under that dear old roof. It was soon time to "spread the table" and the girls once again performed this task, just as they used to do in the long ago, but not by turns, but all together they helped and all together when the dinner was over, they "done" the dishes. The day was a joyous one and memories of the long ago no doubt came thick and fast to each and every one present, and now and then some one would be seen to wipe a tear away. Those present included all the children, there was not a vacant chair; these were: George and wife; James, wife and children; Oren, wife and baby; Wm. Kurtz, wife and children; Fred Kurtz, wife and baby; Frank Knoele and family, Silas Herzhner and wife and Wm. Meyer and family. Father and Mother Gelvin are among our very best people, and their life has not been in vain, for this Christian home has given us a family of splendid children, that have developed into honorable men and women. They have 15 grand children and a few great-grand children. They came to this county from Pa., in 1839, and have resided in Nodaway township during all these years.